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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

I am aware of the extensive reduction in force being implemented in your agency, and I believe I know the reasons therefor. However, it has come to my attention that [REDACTED], employed in the Operational Department of the CIA, is included in that reduction. I understand that [REDACTED] possesses unique background and experience for the job which he has been doing in the Counter-Intelligence field (mainly against Soviet Intelligence). As to the quality of his performance, please note the enclosed copy of his supervisor's statement.

Furthermore, [REDACTED] whose termination is scheduled for March, has only 9 months remaining until he could retire from government service in accordance with his individual plan. Having been employed by the CIA since 1948, with a good record, he would appear to be deserving of an extension of service through those 9 months.

I would personally appreciate your review of this particular RIF notice and a reply when you have had the opportunity to do so.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Byrd
Robert C. Byrd
U. S. Senator

RCB:ydd
Enclosure

January 1978

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

25X1 [] served in the Agency component for which I am responsible for three years. His service was in the capacity of project manager or branch supervisor. Mr. 25X1 [] discharged both of these assignments in an exemplary manner.

As the manager of a highly sensitive substantive project involving important foreign activities, [] achieved results unmatched in the 25 previous years of the life of this project. I attribute this to his perceptive and retentive mind and his capability to relate events, extract their essential characteristics, and synthesize a research and analysis program to achieve maximum exploitation of available data. Throughout his time on this project, indeed through the period of our collaboration, he has demonstrated exceptionally good judgment and discretion. In fact, this project was conducted quite independently by [] without my ever finding fault or having to intervene in his actions or directions to other agencies or governments which were involved. His handling of this project inspired the admiration and respect of these individuals and entities just as it did my own. 25X1

25X1 The competence and talents manifested in this project also were applied by [] in his period of service as the chief of a branch responsible for inter-agency coordination and production of a series of national intelligence studies. His ability to assess the capabilities of people and enlist them productively in the preparation of these studies not only resulted in timely and dependable products, but eventually led to establishment of a production system which was practically automatic and required only moderate quality control. He has been a dependable and serious officer with considerable versatility and flexibility during a period of time when these qualities were at a premium. His good-natured acceptance of difficult personnel and work situations has constituted a special contribution to the programs and projects which I have initiated or been required by unusual circumstances to undertake. His advice and suggestions have always been sound and their ramifications thoroughly considered. His talents and abilities as I view them are recorded throughout his personnel file. 25X1

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As per DCI request

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